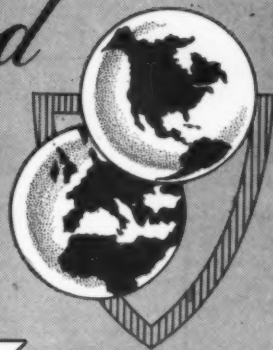


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**NOTICES**

The New York and New Jersey indoors camp meeting and state convention will be held at 42 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, New York, beginning July 13 and continuing until and including July 20. There will be three services each day, morning, afternoon, and night. A program will be arranged to take care of each service.

Rev. John C. Jernigan, General Overseer, will be with us part of the time. There will be preachers from Virginia and West Virginia and we are expecting some from other states to be with us. Singers from North Carolina and others will be with us to help in the music and singing. Come and bring your music and help us out. Enjoy a great time in the Lord. We shall be expecting all of the preachers in the two states and all of the laity to attend, who can. The PROGRAM will be arranged to take care of each service. Come prepared to lend a helping hand. We shall be expecting to hear from all the ministers during the convention and camp meeting.—C. H. Blankenship, New York and New Jersey Overseer.

I, Evangelist H. E. Wernicke, 629 York, Vallejo, Calif., am now open for calls in the evangelistic field. I have had years of experience and held meetings in twenty-two states and



from the  
**GENERAL OVERSEER'S DESK**

Brother Howard Statum, overseer of Idaho and Nevada, wrote me a very nice letter in which he said: "We are getting along good, and the Lord is blessing the work out here in Idaho. We are having a fine revival now at Sandpoint, Idaho, and also a good revival is in progress at Winchester. We are beginning a revival at downtown Lewiston, Idaho, under a tent, on June 18. We have two evangelistic parties working in Idaho. We had a fine youth meeting at Wallace, Idaho, which lasted two weeks and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Many souls were blessed and the Church was lifted much, spiritually. I certainly do praise God for helping us in Idaho. Several have been saved in the past two months. I feel that the work out here is moving forward, although it is slow."

We are praying with Brother Statum that the Lord will richly add in number and blessings to our workers in Idaho and Nevada.

Brother James L. Slay, pastor of the North Cleveland Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, should certainly be a proud pastor. He has recently closed his Daily Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 240, of which there were 230 students that received certificates. These certificates were awarded to all who did not miss more than three days.

Last year, the church had a Daily

Vacation Bible School with around 200 students and 190 receiving certificates. They had a staff of around 30, but this year they had a staff of teachers and assistants of 50. The children had been taught for only two weeks, but to hear them sing and worship God was a blessing to all, and will be a great blessing to this church. I hope that many, many more of the churches will see the opportunity of youth evangelism through Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

I received a letter from Brother A. J. Murray, pastor of the Church of God in West Helena, Arkansas, in which he sent me a picture of the new church there. It has eight Sunday School rooms, a pastor's study, and a baptistry. It cost \$26,000, but is in debt less than \$2,000 now. Since the Assembly, they have had an increase of forty members. We thank the Lord that He is blessing so graciously at West Helena.

A four weeks' revival, at the West Gastonia, North Carolina, Church of God, has recently been closed. Evangelists Archie and Gene Luke brought the messages. There were fifty-six souls saved, thirty-five sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty-five baptized in water, and thirty-one added to the church. Brother Ralph Tedder is the pastor there. We certainly do praise God for this wonderful victory.

Canada. I have recently come into the Church of God.

References: Lemuell Johnson, overseer of Washington and Oregon, and Rev. T. H. Welch, pastor of the Church of God at Portland, Oregon.

I work on the streets and in convict camps. Please send all literature, booklets, Bibles, Testaments, Lighted Pathways, and tracts, to J. B. Weeks, Newnan, Ga., Gen. Del. Make your old literature useful and let it work for the Lord.

**TOBACCO POISONS**

By J. H. Kellogg, M. D.

"Although the chief poison in to-

bacco is nicotine, tobacco smoke contains many other poisons. Here is a partial list:

"Ammonia	Lentidin
Biridin	Marsh Gas
Carbon Monoxide	Methylaurin
Carbolic Acid	Parvulin
Collidin	Picolin
Coridin	Prussic Acid
Formic Aldehyd	Pyridin
Furfurol	Pyrrrol
Rubidin	Hydrogen Sulphide

"Every one of these poisons is found in tobacco smoke and is inhaled by the smoker.

"That great medical authority, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (Continued on page 14)

# The Coming of the Lord

By R. R. Seydo



## *Is Sure Is Glorious Is the Blessed Hope*

Titus 2:11-15

Are you looking for the coming of Jesus? Are you really expecting this celestial descension of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ? To effect an ascension to the sky, yes, a real trip to heaven, the following comes from the divine sky-line headquarters announcing this event as follows: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words," 1 Thess. 4:16-18. Yes, the coming of the Lord is

### SURE

This word "sure" means without fail. He will not fail. Did He not fulfill His promise when He went away? He said He would send the Holy Ghost, and did He not do it? Oh yes, He did—Acts 2. Yes, He sent the Holy Ghost and so signaling His ascension to the Father in heaven. This the world can not deny. Then will He not, just as in the sending of the Holy Ghost, making good His promise, do as He said that He would, come again? John 14:3. Yes, friend, be sure Jesus is coming again. His coming is sure, without fail. Oh yes, there will come scoffers in the last day, 2 Peter 3:3-9, saying, "Where is the

promise of His coming?" But th's they do ignorantly, for Christ will come even as a thief to them, catching up and away them that are

### READY

And this brings us to the most vital and important part of our sermon. Are you ready for this event of the coming of Jesus? Ready for His coming? I don't know that you can go without the baptism, but I do know you can go when Jesus comes being baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. But that's not all, you must be ready. You must walk in the light, having the "looking for the Lord" spirit. Jesus is coming we know not the day nor hour, Matt. 24:36, but His coming is without fail. He will come on schedule time, come for those who look for Him. They who look for Him make it their business to be ready. I remember reading a story about the early settlers moving West. A young man, who was engaged to a young lady, left with the idea that when he made enough money cutting timber, the engagement days would be over and the marriage would take place. It so happened that he made money faster than anticipated, so without writing or sending word back, he came oh, so soon! oh, so anxiously and so quickly! with love and joy, remembering the parting words to his sweetheart, "Be looking for me, honey; be ready." But, alas, to his surprise and her shame, he found her in the lap of another on his soon return. Well, he never so much as entered her house. He had seen

through the window his sweetheart in the lap of another man, so he just left without leaving trace and she never again heard from him. Likewise, dear friend, let it not be that you will be found in the lap of this world, this ungodly world, when He comes, for it will be just that way with you. You will be left; you will be too much in love with this sinful world, for he that is a friend to this world is an enemy to God. Are you a worldly Christian? Are you sitting in the lap of the world? Then you are NOT ready for the coming of Jesus. Yet He is coming. The apostle Paul said, "If any man love not the Lord Jesus let him be accursed." The Lord cometh. 1 Cor. 16:22. Are you ready? Have you the assurance that this coming will be glorious?

### GLORIOUS

Titus 2:13. This word "glorious" means full of honor. I am thinking of this coming. Jesus' coming is all-glorious, all-powerful—such power the dead in Christ shall rise, and rise first. Graves will be bursting, slain s shouting, heavenly glory all around; the dead in Christ coming up out of their graves, all-victorious; every graveyard robbed, emptied; only the lost, the wicked dead left. All the dead in Christ will be caught up, lifted out of their graves all-glorious. Hallelujah! Heaven's elevator will be going up. Sin will be defeated, the grave put to shame, the devil rebuked. The trumpet blast will sound aloud, "Get on board, get on board," amidst all this. In honor to our Christ, the power of gravitation will give way, Oh, praise God, and we which are alive and remain will leave the earth to join the rapture, shouting, "All power, all glory, all honor to the King of kings." Just over the tree tops we will clasp hands with all the raptured to crown Him Lord of lords. Glorious event! Yes, we will take a trip in the Old Gospel Ship going far beyond the sky. Don't you want to go? Honestly, tell me, let me hear you say, "Oh, the glory of it!" All aboard the glory train. With heaven's Engineer pulling wide open the throttle of Holy Ghost power, up higher and higher

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# BIBLE GLINTS *and* Late Events

BY THE EDITOR



Forty one-year and half-year's subscriptions to the Evangel and two annual subscriptions to the Lighted Pathway received from Kannapolis, N. C.—Rev. Harold E. Cato, assistant pastor.

## TOBACCO

A physician who has carefully examined the class records of Harvard University for the past fifty years said that "not one tobacco user has ever stood at the head of his class, despite the fact that five-sixths of the male students are smokers."



## International Convention of Pentecostal Churches, Zurich, Switzerland



This first World Pentecostal Conference convened May 5-11, 1947. Some 260 delegates, representing twenty-three countries, were in attendance.

It was indeed fitting that the little country of Switzerland, nestled among the beautiful mountains, that has maintained its peace for centuries, even during the last two World Wars, should be host to this great gathering of Spirit-filled persons who so eagerly look for the soon coming of the Prince of Peace. Rev. John P. Kluzit, Superintendent of Haiti, and Mrs. Kluzit were present and represented the Church of God.

Language, was the greatest hindrance at the convention. The official language of Zurich is German, that of the convention was German, French, and English (incidentally the Kluzits were very much at home among these languages, Sister Kluzit being French and Brother Kluzit German, and both being American citizens and professors before being missionaries).

Brother Kluzit wrote some most interesting things about the convention and of their travels. You will see part of his report in the Evangel soon and for a complete coverage read it in the MACEDONIAN CALL just off the press. They are making a number of contacts and observing firsthand conditions in Europe. Many of the delegates from the foreign lands were surprised to know that the Church of God was among the stronger Pentecostal organizations in the U. S. A.

I quote from a paragraph of Brother Kluzit's letter.

"At the World Conference, it seems that we met the 'cream' of the Pentecostal movement. We visited some at their homes, saw them at their work, and learned of their calling to serve the Lord. We feel very much impressed that the Church of God should start from 'rock-bottom'; in fact, because of the confusion that exists, it is the only way that it could start on the Continent and succeed. But in a short time, there will be great dividends of well-organized, self-supported churches on the march throughout Europe, for God and the salvation of souls."

Truly, this big world is becoming closer to us and we to it—so that the man down bleeding by the side of the

road, even on the other side of the world, needs you. Don't pass by on the other side like the priest and Levite did in Jesus' day. We must be ready always to prove we are the good neighbor that Jesus loves.

## THE WORRYING CHRISTIAN

A worrying Christian contradicts the sufficiency of divine grace, and damages the reputation of God as a Father who really cares. When such a mental habit is practiced, we proclaim to others that God is not able to undertake for us as He promised to do.—Herbert Lockyer.

## WRONG ORDERS —Charles E. Fuller.

Some years ago, a passenger train was rushing into New York as another was emerging. There was a head-on collision. Fifty lives were snuffed out. An engineer was pinned under the engine, frightfully injured, and tears were running down his cheeks. In his dying agonies he held a piece of yellow paper crushed in his hand and said: "Take this. This will show you that someone gave me the wrong orders." Unregenerate men and women will stand before the great white throne and point to their modernist preachers, saying "Someone gave me the wrong orders!" "Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people err . . . It shall be night unto you," Micah 3:5, 6.

## THE MODERN DANCE

Dr. E. S. Sonners, eminent specialist in nervous disorders, of Chicago and Los Angeles, makes this terrific indictment of the modern dance:

"I attack the modern dance as a reversion toward savagery. As a medical man, I flatly charge that modern dancing is fundamentally sinful and evil. I charge that dancing's charm is based entirely upon sex appeal. I charge that dancing is the most advanced and most insidious of the maneuvers preliminary to sex betrayal.

"A young girl enjoys the dance because she is drugged by suggestive music and emotionally overstimulated into a drunkenness, a frenzy that takes her back nearer to the beast from which we are supposed to be evolving.

"Why is the long-married husband wearied soon of dancing with his wife? I tell you, the basic spell of dance is the spell of illicit contact.

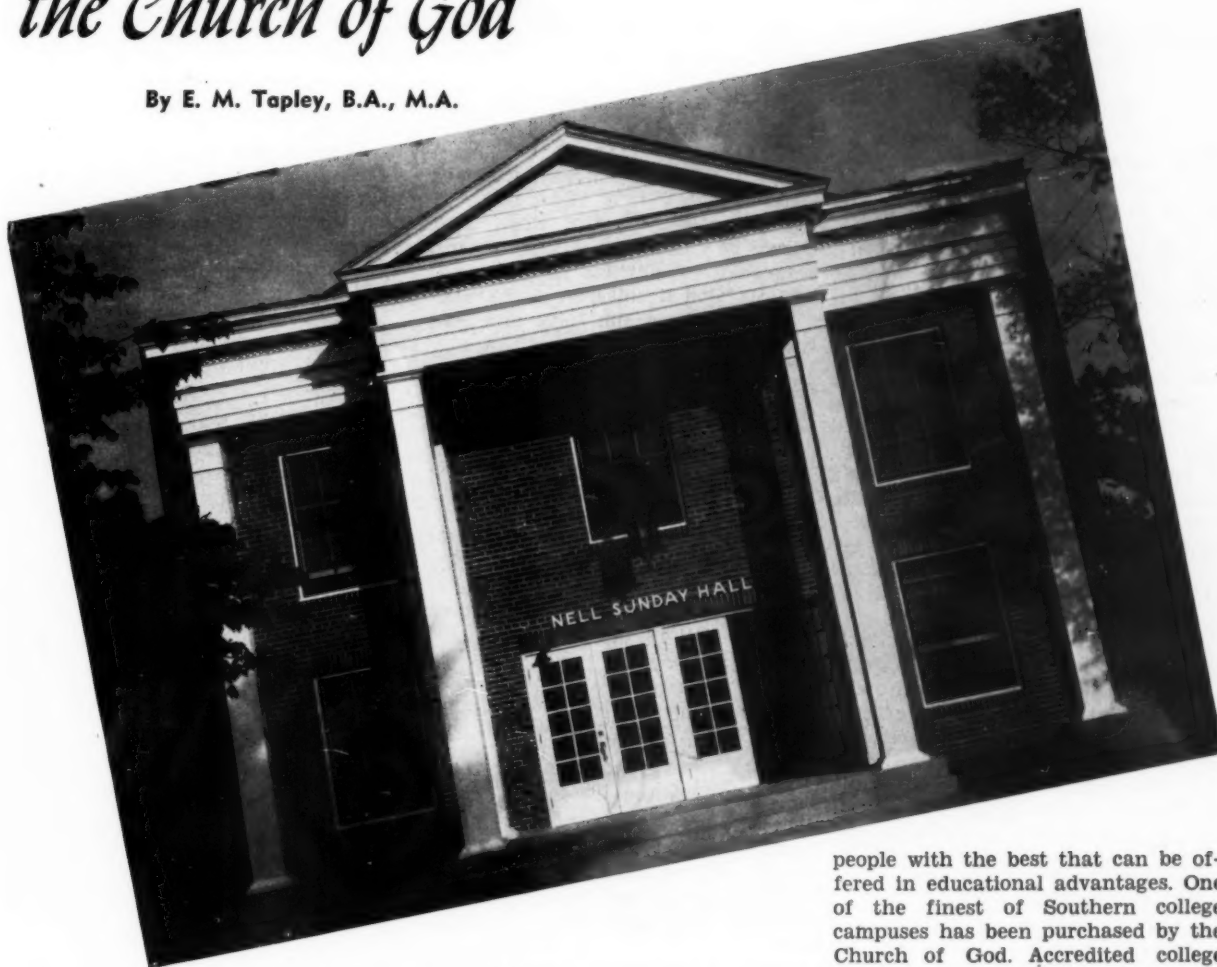
"A man who has learned what true love really is—something more than physical—does not willingly dance the modern dance with the woman he truly loves, nor watch her dance with others.

"We doctors know there are mysterious currents, affinities that seem almost chemical. I am no prig or prude, and so I tell you frankly it is not safe to subject even the strongest men and women to the subtle temptations of the dance. A trail of broken homes proves this.

"The physical stimulation of the dance, with its fingerings of the lowest and most primitive emotions, drugs the intellect and the spirit."

# The Future of Education in *the Church of God*

By E. M. Tapley, B.A., M.A.



The greatest educational awakening in the history of man's existence has struck America. Never has there been such a great percentage of a nation's population enrolled in its colleges and universities. The implications are very clear to all of us. No generation in the history of man has ever faced the certainty of working and competing with so many college-trained men and women. This is not something that is future; it is already upon us.

I am writing this article from the great University Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Here three great institutions, Scarritt College, George Peabody College, and Vanderbilt University, pool their educational facilities

to create one of America's greatest centers of learning. I am surrounded by thousands of men and women who are participating in this tremendous movement toward the educational centers of this nation. Many of them are here because an enlightened government has provided for their training to compensate them for service rendered in our military forces. These men and women are the future leaders—in fact, some of them are already leaders—in every field of American enterprise.

Our church leaders have not closed their eyes to these facts. They are facing them with courage and realism. Every effort is being made to provide our church and our young

people with the best that can be offered in educational advantages. One of the finest of Southern college campuses has been purchased by the Church of God. Accredited college training is now being offered our young people.

There is no room for pessimism about a move of this kind. Whatever it may involve for all of us, we can do it. All our people need to do is to feel the necessity of a thing and decide to do it. We can when we try, for we trust in Him who is able to do for us even greater than we know how to ask of Him. We can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us.

But shall we substitute education for spirituality? The answer is emphatically NO. We will make no such feeble and futile effort. Education and training is no substitute for the power and work of the Holy Spirit in

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# The Curse of Ham

A Conversation Concerning a Myth  
That Dies Hard

By R. B. Eleazer

"The curse of Ham has certainly stuck, hasn't it?" Jackson was looking through the pullman car window at a crew of sweating Negro laborers at work on the railroad right-of-way, while their white foreman sat in the shade of a tree near by.

"I don't think I recall the curse of Ham," replied his companion. "Just what was it?"

"Surely you recall the story; it's one of the most familiar in the Bible. Noah got drunk, you remember, and his son Ham made fun of him. To punish Ham's irreverence God cursed him, turned him black, and condemned him and his descendants to be servants forever to the other branches of the human family—'hewers of wood and drawers of water,' I think the Bible says. Certainly the Negroes have been that, and it looks as if they always will be."

"Oh, is that what you were talking about? Yes, I remember that story, but not at all the way you tell it. I have a Bible here in my bag. Let's see exactly how it goes. Here it is, Genesis ninth chapter, verses twenty to twenty-six: Noah planted a vineyard, drank of the wine, was drunken, was uncovered. Ham saw it and told his brothers. And Noah awoke and said, 'Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.' That's the story, isn't it?"

"Yes, that's it," said Jackson eagerly; "just as I told you."

"And yet quite different from what you told me, isn't it? Your version was right in part, but totally wrong, it seems to me, on every important point."

"I don't see that, at all," replied Jackson.

"Well, in the first place, observe that no curse whatever was pronounced on Ham. It was his son Canaan at whom the curse was directed, and Canaan was wholly innocent, so far as the record indicates. Hardly fair, would you say?"

"Oh, yes, I remember now. It was Canaan, not Ham, whom God cursed."

"Wait a minute! 'Whom God cursed,' you say? I don't remember it that way."

"Why, of course it was God who cursed him. Noah had no right to curse anybody."

"No, I think not myself. But God certainly didn't do it. Here, let's read the story again: 'And Noah said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.' You see, God is not even mentioned."

Jackson seized the Bible and read the verse over two or three times.

"That's a fact," he admitted ruefully. For a moment he was puzzled; then he had an idea:

"But Noah couldn't have turned him black! You'll surely admit that nobody but God could have done that."

"But where do you get the idea that anybody was turned black? The Bible doesn't say so."

"Why, of course it does! Everybody knows that. Turn back there and read that story again."

They read it again, scanning every line, every word, with utmost care. Not the slightest suggestion that anybody's color was changed by the fraction of a tint; no indication that God had anything to do with the curse; no reason to suppose that it had any significance beyond the lifetime of Noah's immediate family.

"Well, I give up," said Jackson. "I certainly thought I knew that story. Then there is nothing to prove that Negroes are the result of God's curse and a race divinely ordained to servitude?"

"Not a thing," his friend replied. "Nothing even to suggest it. Furthermore, there's no reason to suppose that the inhabitants of Africa descended from Canaan at all. The tenth chapter of Genesis says distinctly that Canaan was the progenitor of the many Canaanite tribes who located and remained in Palestine. Cush, another of Ham's sons, seems to have been the father of the branch that later settled in Africa."

"Then how did they become black?" was Jackson's last question.

"The most reasonable assumption—and a thoroughly scientific one—is that the dark races were developed

by the well-known law of natural selection, operating over long periods under a tropical sun. In each succeeding generation that law would pick the darker types for survival, while the lighter types, with less protective pigment in the skin, would tend to succumb to the climate. Given time enough, this process would inevitably result in a highly pigmented race, with the color best suited to its environment."

"Maybe you are right," said Jackson. "At any rate, you have given me something to think about."

## MONROE, LA., DISTRICT CONVENTION

Convened at Archibald, La. Services were held in the school auditorium. We appreciated the extra space the school afforded us because our church building would never have accommodated the great crowds which attended.

Rev. John L. Byrd, State Overseer, and Rev. Horace Taylor, District Overseer, were in charge of the services. Words cannot express what our hearts were made to feel as the power of God came down from time to time. Each speaker seemed at his best; also had good music and singing—special songs were a feature of each service and we were glad to have some outstanding talent which contributed greatly to the success of the conventions.

Saturday night, the State Youth Director, Rev. Cletus Clark, was in charge. The power of God came down as the youth sang, testified and preached. After the soul-stirring message by Rev. Nicholson, the altar filled with hungry seekers who continued praying until a late hour. Many souls were blessed.

A mission offering was taken on Sunday morning amounting to \$500, also a special Orphanage offering.

We appreciate our district pastor and are always glad to hear him speak. The presence and power of God was manifested throughout the convention. Waves of glory and shouts of praise were heard often and the saints danced and shouted for joy.—Mrs. Thelma Floyd, district reporter.



# Reports

## FROM THE FIELD

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### THIRTY SAVED, FIFTEEN ADDED TO CHURCH

#### Glorious Revival in Lakeland, Fla.

A three weeks' revival was held at the Church of God in Lakeland, Fla., with Brother Luther Turner, of Dayton, Tenn., as the evangelist.

The first service was an old-fashioned fellowship meeting. God met with us in a wonderful way. The Holy Ghost was manifested in every service. Many messages were given out in tongues and interpreted.

On May 11, we had one of the sweetest, most touching Mother's Day services I have ever attended.

In the revival thirty were saved, twenty-three sanctified, seventeen filled with the Holy Ghost, sixteen baptized in water, and fifteen added

to the church.

The Christians were inspired to a deeper, richer life, hidden away with Christ. Only eternity will tell the good that was accomplished.

We enjoyed the fellowship of the students and officials of the Southeastern Bible Institute. They were a great inspiration and help to us.

Many times heaven seemed to swing low and we were able to catch a glimpse of that beautiful land beyond this vale of tears.

There was a number of cases of divine healing in the healing services conducted on Saturday nights.

God is still on the throne and will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing on those who will meet the conditions of consecration, fasting

and prayer.

Brother and Sister Turner are deeply consecrated singers and workers and a power for God wherever they go. The church here is greatly indebted to them. May the Lord richly reward them with success in this life and with a mansion in the sky after the tolls of this life are over.—Mrs. Maude Day, reporter.

### REVIVAL

We praise the Lord for a good revival which lasted three weeks, closing Saturday night, May 30. Stella Brunner, our evangelist, did some wonderful preaching. There were eleven saved, nine sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, ten baptized in water, with seven added to the church. The church has been wonderfully blessed since this revival.—Rev. Corlie Ham, pastor, Brodhead, Ky.

Going to church with some people is like going to a free show; they get to see and hear without paying.



### CAIRO, GA., SUNDAY SCHOOL

We praise God for His blessings which He is bestowing upon the church here at Cairo. We came here after the Assembly and found a good people with whom to work and a people who had a mind to work. We have added approximately a \$600 value to the parsonage—built a bathroom and

had water put in. We have raised about \$500 to start a new church. Our crowds are good and we have a fine group of loyal people. All departments are in working order. We have a fine group of young people who make up our Y. P. E. It is going fine under the leadership of Brother Morris Perkins, one of our fine young brethren. We have a good L. W. W. B. and Sunday

School. Our Sunday School has doubled since the Assembly, under the leadership of our good superintendent, Brother Algin Miller. We believe it will continue to grow. We plan a great year for God. Pray for us here at Cairo. The above is a picture of our Sunday School on April 13. The sixth man from the right is Brother Algin Miller, our superintendent.—A. W. Hall.



# LIBERTY

By Editor-in-Chief

## Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776



All the American school children sooner or later learn: "The Unanimous Declaration of the Thirteen United States of America," which begins as follows: "When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal;

that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness . . ."

I should like to call your attention to the word "liberty," which comes from the Latin "libertas," and the French "liber," meaning free, which means exemption from slavery, bondage, imprisonment or control of another, freedom from external restraint or compulsion. Liberty involves the civil liberty, the political liberty, and the individual liberty and personal liberty. Much has been written on liberty and much has been written about liberty in all these various fields.

The late President Roosevelt made famous those four main freedoms; freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of press, and freedom from fear. The United States of America, we believe, has the greatest longitude and latitude of freedom, or liberty, for her people of any nation in the world. We, by no means, are the only nation ever to fight for liberty. This has been a ceaseless warfare for many, many millenniums, some, of course, making greater progress than others. American liberties and freedom, nevertheless, have their dangers in that foreign ideologists, with their godless communism, have crept into America through the liberties offered in our fair land, and are making unbelievable progress in an attempt to bring us into bondage of the God-hating dictator. In my opinion it is connected with and will become a part of the great destructive forces of the kingdom of the North at the battle of Armageddon in the

last great conflict.

It makes me shudder to think of the dangers that confront us at this time. While we celebrate this Fourth of July in freedom from declared war, we are, nevertheless, facing, in this atomic age, the greatest dangers ever to confront a nation on the face of this earth. We need not build our hopes on establishing peace on earth until the Prince of Peace can take control, during the millennium, when Christ, Himself, will reign. Prior to that time, we may expect war, blood-

George Washington said: "There is a rank due to the secure peace . . . it must be known that we are ready

"Russia still has 4½ million men under arms and is building a submarine navy. By best military estimate, airplanes on its European frontier; 82 divisions and 6 East. In Korea and facing Japan she has 13 divisions more divisions and several hundred aircraft in reserve. 10½ million trained men; within six months, to 12 million thus be put under military control but could not be power, restricted in range and striking force by Russia's nightmare that haunts U. S. military strategists. Russia the channel, to the Persian Gulf and the oil areas, through China. Obviously it is not in Russia's immediate which would certainly bring on World War III. Military a hasty, intemperate move by a Russian satellite, could it is within Russia's potentialities, and that is what makes the battle of foreign relations worry about it, too."

"United States. In the U. S. armed forces, only the Navy near fighting trim. . . . The Army Air Forces, which are still in the early stages of reorganization; the Army of reducing the 8,300,000-man Army of V-E day to a sledge hammer instead of a wrench. . . . Of the 89 the Army has only 12 left. . . . The commanders who over Japan on a single strike, last month were able to over Manhattan. From a V-J day peak of 85,000 plus 9,000 first-line aircraft, and 2,000 to 3,000 of them year. . . . The Nation's plane factories, which once employed 160,000 at work. . . . The 14 major manufacturers, 1944, last year built only 1,330. This year they are down."

"The U. S. holds three massive military advantages of the sea; industrial power which can be turned to no nation can duplicate. . . . Because the U. S. holds is so patently lacking in all but manpower reserves, it mate, at least, if war came now."

shed and devastation with destruction.

You may think we take the position of the defeatist, but really, we take the victorious, successful position. The winners in a war are not decided by the winners of a battle. The enemy might win numbers of battles, but after the final struggle and the consummation of all the efforts, then the war is won by the victor. While the enemy may win some of the battles



now, eventually he will lose, totally lose, and Christ, Himself, will be the ruling King of kings and Lord of lords, who will direct the affairs of the millennium. So we are on the Conqueror's side; we're on victory's side; we have liberty, for we have the Lord, and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty.

The Lord came to bring our liberty: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound," Isaiah 61:1. This is a personal liberty, not civil, nor political, but liberty in Christ Jesus.

Look again at the picture, on the cover, of Old Glory, with the stars and

for the pedestal. It was unveiled October 28, 1886, and now ever stands 305 feet and six inches high, with an arm length of forty-two feet, and the hand sixteen feet and five inches. So spacious is it, that forty persons can stand in the hand and twelve in the torch. This statue stands to greet every visitor who enters the harbor, who holds an indescribable welcome to our boys who return from fighting to maintain the peace and the liberties for which it stands.

One soldier of World War I, upon returning, was asked by his friends, as he viewed the Statue of Liberty, how he felt as he faced the Statue of Liberty as he came into the harbor. He was unable to describe that feeling but added, "Brother, if she ever faces me again, God bless her, she'll have to turn around."

It is still our duty to protect our national liberties at home and abroad; and, above all, to keep free from the slavery and bondage of sin and the devil, so that we can ever say as the apostle Paul: "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ," I Cor. 15:57.



### THE THRONE ROOM

G. B. F. Hallock, M.A., D.D.

When Raphael's great picture, the SISTINE MADONNA, was first brought to Dresden, it was displayed in the castle in the presence of the king. It was brought into the throne room, but the most favorable spot in the room was occupied by the throne itself. The king, taking in the situation, pushed the throne to one side, saying, "Make room for the immortal Raphael. The first place and the best place belongs to him." So the chief place in a nation's life belongs to God. The throne room is His rightful place.



### OLD GLORY

George Frank Rinehart

I'm going to tell you a story,  
A tale of the land and sea;  
The wonderful tale of Old Glory,  
The beautiful flag of the free.

In seventeen-seventy-seven—  
It came not a moment too soon:  
This glorious gift out of heaven  
Was born on the fourteenth of June.

Its father was just Revolution,  
Its mother was sweet Liberty;  
Its dower, the great institution—  
The home of the brave and the free.

'Twas born of a lineage hoary,  
And pure as the heavens above;  
And Betty Ross nurtured Old Glory  
In the City of Brotherly Love.

Then out in the world flew this stranger,  
A beautiful sight you'll agree;  
And first from the deck of the Ranger  
Asserted its rights on the sea.

Since then it has sailed on the ocean;  
Since then it has carried on land,  
With victory always its portion,  
And righteousness always its stand.

No man ever witnessed Old Glory  
In lands where it ought not to be;  
And whether on warship or dory,  
It never was wrought on the sea.

Wright flew to the skies with Old Glory,  
And Peary bore it to the pole;  
And over the battlefield fory,  
It's known as the flag of the soul.

Away with the traitor and tory!  
We've no room at all for the foe:  
The man without love for Old Glory,  
Should quickly salute it and go!

Then here's to the health of Old Glory,  
Wherever her folds are unfurled;  
Our hopes are enshrined in Old Glory,  
The grandest flag in the world!

rank due to the United States among nations, which by the reputation of weakness. . . . If we desire to be ready for war."

Under arms and 15,500 combat airplanes in service, military estimate, Russia has 93 divisions, 7,200 combat divisions and 6,000 planes poised toward the Middle East. In Siberia are 20 divisions and 700 aircraft. In Siveria are 20 divisions and 700 aircraft. Within 30 days Russia could build to 12 million, including youngsters, who would not be fully armed or equipped. This mighty force by Russia's lack of long-range aircraft, is the catalyst. Russia has the power on hand to sweep to the oil areas, to the southern extremity of Korea, or to the immediate calculations to make any such move, for III. Military men feel that only an accident, e.g., a satellite, could precipitate such a catastrophe. But what is what military men worry about. Men fighting it, too."

Forces, which would be first to fight in a new war, the Army Ground Forces, the same. The job of V-E day to peace-time size had been done with . . . Of the 89 divisions in service when Germany fell, commanders who could once send 820 B-29's rumbling were able to muster only 101 for a practice raid of 85,000 planes, the Air Forces are now down to 3,000 of them will pass over to reserve status each which once employed 2,101,000 can now keep only manufacturers, who built 96,000 military planes in year they are down to the 100-a-month level.

Advantages: The atom bomb; undisputed control be turned to war with a speed and efficiency that the U. S. holds those advantages and because Russia reserves, like Eisenhower could guarantee a stale-

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stripes, denoting our national freedom, and our Christian flag. Side by side they march on together. We can only have victory represented by the "v" when these two can wave together. Notice, also, the torch held by the Statue of Liberty, that tremendous statue presented by the French Republic, after the Franco-Prussian War in 1870, at a cost of \$450,000 to the French, and \$350,000 to the Americans

J. STEWART BRINSFIELD  
Executive Missions Secretary



## News From Our FOREIGN MISSIONS



### TIME IS FOR GOD

Dear Reader:

I wish to acquaint myself with you in these short lines, though I am living in a country which every Christian likes to visit and that is the Holy Land.

Since I know that the Savior was pleased to make me His own from the time of my boyhood, and through His infinite love has called me to tell others of His saving grace, I, therefore, cannot and will not hesitate in publishing it, whether it be privately or publicly, for the Lord has a great purpose for every individual, irrespective of race or color. Undoubtedly, I may find amongst the readers of this article of admonition, ministers, missionaries, evangelists, and saints who will sincerely confess that it has happened once or often in their lives that the time of offering prayers or giving out their testimonies and sermons, has been **LIMITED**, and limiting time on such occasions, especially for *prayers*, is, I believe, an act of interference with God's business, for times are for God and are in His hand and who are we to limit times either for ourselves or for others, when we serve and worship Him. We may well remember how the Lord Jesus, during the time of His ministry on earth, had no limit of time when He spoke to the multitudes of their need for healing and salvation, and the many nights He had to spend in prayer. You may ask why, and since the Lord Jesus is our Perfect Pattern, did He actually need prayers? and if yes, it was only for us, in order that we might follow His footsteps. It is true that the chores of life do not permit us to be granted time sufficient for witnessing, praising, or praying, and, therefore, not much work has been accomplished for God in the years past; and sad to say, the pres-

ent condition of the Church is appalling!

Dear reader, no wonder the Lord has said we should forsake the dearest to us, and even *self*, which dominates every living soul, because the things which hinder us from giving God His due time do rob Him of His rights. Therefore it behoves us to give God full time in our worship and service to Him, since we have to give an account of that at the great judgment day. It has become common in these days, with many churches, to limit the time for songs, prayers, and sermons, and the minister is given, say, ten or fifteen minutes to either say or read his written sermon, as is the case with those who are not filled with the Spirit of God. The listening congregations leave the churches as they came, for in such a *limited time* God has no chance to work, because they do not have sufficient time to wait upon God for the blessings of which they are in need. It is a fact that when the preacher is deep spiritually, he takes no heed of any warning, but rather submits to the leading of the Holy Spirit to say the message which the people need, and when God's Spirit leads the congregation or the individual they can say with the disciples of old who were with the Lord on the Mount of Transfiguration, "It was good to be here." They will not care for anything, because the joy and the sweet presence of the Most High fills their beings and they are lost in Him. Glory to His name! Should the minister be serving for his living only, of course, he approves of limiting time for his service in the church from every aspect, and I am afraid there are many of this kind in the world. In this connection may I just tell, for corroboration, what happened to me a few months ago.

Since I am one of your humble

brothers in the Lord, and being indebted to Him for all the things He has done for my family and me, I promised to consecrate my life for His service and to continue so doing, by His grace, as long as I have breath. One day, I was called upon, by a well-known pastor, who is the chairman of a big community in the country, to take the Sunday morning service in a village about ten miles outside of Jerusalem. That was sometime in January, 1947. I was given a letter of introduction to a schoolmistress in that place, who attends church with her girl pupils. When she opened and read the said letter, she welcomed me, but the first thing she told me was that I should not give more than ten minutes for my sermon. When I heard that, I felt uneasy and though I kept silent, I left the lead to the Spirit of God. It was not very long that we were in the church of that village, which is called Beir-Zeit. For the information of the dear reader, I want to mention that the people of that church are not Pentecostal and they do not teach the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of tongues.

When I started to read the Word of God, I felt the Spirit of God preparing me to give the required message for the people and specially for the schoolmistress. At once the Lord reminded me of a certain missionary (British), who spent a period of thirty years working amongst all kinds of people in Palestine and between the Beduins in Transjordan. This was sometime before the first World War. The activities of the said missionary were heard of by the late King George V, who requested to interview the missionary. Accordingly, the British consul in Jerusalem was informed of his Majesty's wish and a letter to that effect was communicated to the missionary, whose fare was paid to England, going and returning by the King. This humble and faithful missionary was very excited because of this opportunity, and immediately sailed from Palestine to England. Upon his arrival in London, he straightway went to the king's palace. He approached the royal guards and asked for admittance, but they refused him, but when he showed them the letter he received through the consul, they informed the king accordingly, and it was not very long until he was in the palace. The king and queen and

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# REQUESTS... for Prayer

## PRAY FOR:

The young people at Grayson, La., four are backsliders; my brother; a special unspoken request.—Ernie O. Harrelson.

Healing for my body; that my wife and I may have the opportunity to attend Church of God services.—J. L. Semdabe, Onawa, Iowa.

My healing of kidney and bladder trouble; the Lord to protect my son in Germany and bring him safely home.—Ora Burrell, Newberry, S. C.

My daughter, who has been sick for six weeks; healing for my wife and Brother Marshal King.—Rev. C. E. Chambliss, Monticello, Miss.

My wife, who has bronchial asthma and pneumonia and is in a very weakened condition. Encouragement will be appreciated.—Rev. H. H. Hungate, Roanoke, Va.

Me to be healed of a breaking out caused from a nervous trouble. I want to work for the Lord.—Mrs. Alma Seymour, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A very urgent request; God to undertake for my home; my husband and three children to be saved; that I might receive the Holy Ghost.—Sudde Noe, Middlesboro, Ky.

God to heal me of pyorrhea of the gums; the revival now in progress at Childersburg, Ala.—Mrs. J. C. Finlon.

I have low blood pressure and stomach trouble and am very nervous; I want to fully trust God.—Mrs. A. C. Lewis, Hazlehurst, Ga.

Healing for my daughter, Lucille; my healing of gall bladder trouble and a weak heart; God to save my husband and take the tobacco habit away from him.—Mrs. W. S. Knowles, Brooksville, Fla.

My baby to be healed; husband and me to be saved; the healing of my little boys.—Ernestine Cochran, Shelby, Miss.

The Lord to save my soul, give me complete victory, and direct my life's work.—A friend. Healing for Mrs. Bird Cloe, Empire, Ala.

My healing of arthritis, rheumatism, a goller, and other ailments; my boy to be saved and delivered from the awful demon of drink. I have been so greatly helped in prayer and I have confidence to believe my earliest relief is in the Lord. I don't get to attend church often but I want to be faithful in everything.—Mrs. R. R. Pierce, Gardo, Ala.

The Lord to heal D. S. McCoy of heart trouble and that he might receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. D. S. McCoy, Brownfield, Texas.

Mrs. Rhodes to be healed; me to be healed of high blood pressure.—Mrs. N. L. Mathers, Post, Texas.

A very urgent unspoken request for my whole family, especially for my daughter to be saved and for my health.—A sister in Christ.

My own salvation, the salvation of my family, and the healing of my mother-in-law.—Mrs. Calvin Spear, Rt. 1, Bartow, Ga.

My wife, who is suffering from a serious stroke. She can hardly swallow and is helpless.—J. W. Shaw.

Me, a backslider. I am hungry and want to go back home. I need your prayers. Pray for my daughter to be healed. She is only eight years of age and has spots on both lungs.—A sinner, Sharples, W. Va.

My daughter to be saved.—Sarah Kitchen, Ocoee, Fla.

My sick husband; our church.—Nora Miller, Frankfort, Ky.

My baby, who is two years old and was born blind. The doctor said he would never be able to see but I know the Lord is able to heal.—Mrs. Everett McMahan, Woodruff, S. C.

My son, who is in a bad condition, a log fell on him; our loved ones.—Mrs. Chas. M. Stemple, Terra Alta, W. Va.

The Lord to undertake for me. I was discharged from the Army with arthritis and I find that my present assignment is too damp for me. I have asked for a release that I might go to a drier climate.—L. M. Earl Schultze, Elton, Wis.

Mrs. Emma Boman to be healed.

A young woman who is badly in need. Her husband refuses to let her serve the Lord. Pray earnestly that the Lord will save his soul.—Sister Ward, Williamston, N. C.

Me, that my health might be restored completely; a special request for my daughter; God to save my husband.—Mrs. Ethel Palmer, Seneca, S. C.

My mother, who is backslidden.—Margie Blankenship.

Me, I'm going at once for a serious operation. I am sixty-six years old and my wife is not strong and needs my help.—H. F. Forkner, Sweetwater, Tenn.

Brother L. V. Hall, who has lost the sight of one eye and the other one is very weak. He also has other complications. Brother Marshal Osten is in a serious condition with T.B. Remember our wayward son. We haven't heard from him for several months.—Mrs. C. W. Cole.

Healing for George Terry, who has a sore arm; Emory Blankenship to be saved and healed; Mrs. Lillie Terry to be healed of sugar diabetes; healing for my gums.—Mrs. George Terry.

My son, Pfc. Wm. G. Moore, who is in service at Ft. Mason, Calif., that the Lord will save and heal him.—Mrs. C. B. Moore.

God to save a certain family in West Virginia; an unspoken request.—A reader.

A very special request; God to heal me of migraine headache.—Mrs. Exie Williams.

Me to be healed of low blood pressure and a bad heart. God wonderfully undertook for me about six years ago and brought me through a crisis at which the people marveled. Now I desire to be healed that I may rear my two babies for the Lord. Also pray for Mrs. Doris Bishop's baby.—Mrs. Zelma B. Kenney.

My aunt, who is in a critical condition; my husband and family.—Mrs. W. I. Dennis, Jetersville, Va.

The complete healing of my body; a very special unspoken request; unsaved children.—A reader.

Healing for W. C. Greenway, Bessemer City, N. C., of high blood pressure and kidney trouble.

God to heal my body; my baby girl.—Mrs. Johnny Teoms, Monaca, Pa.

My husband and a friend to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost; an unspoken request.—Mrs. Ida Fortner, Galax, Va.

My health to be completely restored. I thank the Lord because He healed me of sinus trouble and other ailments.—Sybil Hardaway, Spring City, Tenn.

A World War II veteran, that God will save and heal him for His glory; my mother's healing; me to be healed of hay fever and asthma; my niece, who has hay fever; my unsaved loved ones; a personal problem, that the Lord will direct me in the right way.—Ada Woods, Indianapolis, Ind.

An unspoken request; our family.—Mrs. W. T. Hall, Salisbury, N. C.

My mother, Mrs. B. C. Erwin, to be healed of heart trouble.—Mrs. Marvin Fitzmorris, Covington, La.

The Lord to help me to get out of debt. I owe so much and I am trying to live right, but it almost looks like I can't make it.—Lizze Albert Rice, Tallulah, La.

Healing for my wife. We are trusting the Lord.—R. F. Wilson, Cobbtown, Ga.

My little girl to be healed of a blood disease.—Woodrow Denison, Pineville, Ky.

My healing of eczema on my hands, arms

and face. My eyes are swollen until I can hardly see. I will appreciate any encouragement.—Mrs. Stella Hargrave, Rochester, Texas.

God to heal me and my little boy of asthma.—Mrs. G. W. Cowart, Sr., Leaf, Miss.

A special unspoken request; healing for my body.—A sister in Christ.

My little boy, who has been sick all of his life; that I might receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. W. L. Duckworth, Ty Ty, Ga.

My husband to be healed of ulcerated stomach and the Lord to save his soul, also my son.—Mrs. Claude Wilborn, Dacula, Ga.

God to heal my wife of gall bladder trouble.—Charlie R. Anderson, Pulaski, Va.

A little girl in Michigan who is in a very serious condition; Mrs. Irene Phillips, Middlesboro, Ky.; my sister, Mrs. Eva Ford, to be healed and saved; the Lord to save my mother; my little girl's eyes.—Mrs. France Rains, Middlesboro, Ky.

Me, I have been crippled for three years, can't walk a step, I am paralyzed.—Miss Martha Sparkes, Copper Hill, Tenn.

God to save and heal my husband of head trouble and pains in the chest; me to be healed of stomach ulcers and that I might receive the Holy Ghost; my unsaved children.—Carrie Carpenter, Franklin, N. C.

A very urgent unspoken request; that God will direct me.—Miss Clara L. Plipps, Colquitt, Ga.

My husband to come back to the Lord.—Beatrice Ruthridge, Campaign, Tenn.

A very urgent unspoken request.—A sister in Christ.

The Lord to heal my body and save my daughter and her husband.—Mrs. A. C. Thomas.

A very special request; a brother and sister who have failed the Lord, that God might move the hindrance.—Mrs. Herman Peery, Tazewell, Va.

Ervin Hanna, who is in a very serious condition, to be healed and filled with the Holy Ghost; his nine children.—Mrs. Julius Hanna, Scranton, S. C.

God to heal me of cancer and smothering spells; our three children.—Mrs. R. G. Holcomb, Cartersville, Ga.

The Lord to restore my health.—Mrs. C. A. Walker, Gid, Ark.

God to heal me of gall bladder trouble, low blood pressure, and other ailments; my husband, who is a veteran and in bad health.—A sister in Christ.

My brother, Austin Dodd, who is in the hospital seriously ill.—Lorene Boatman, Stewart, Miss.

Me, I am very hard of hearing. Will you anoint a handkerchief for me?—Christine Skinner.

God to save my daughter-in-law and her mother.—Mrs. H. D. Mun, Wetmore, Tenn.

Healing for my body; a special unspoken request; God to undertake for our neighbors.—A sister in Christ.

Ne, I have had a stroke of paralysis and can't use my arm.—James I. Morgan, Harrison, Tenn.

Me, I am in a terrible condition. If God does not undertake, I can't live long.—George N. Davis, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

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# OBITUARIES

## BARRY

Sister Ida Barry, age fifty-four years, departed this life to be with Jesus May 8, 1947. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Largo, Fla. She was loved by everyone who met her and was always doing kind deeds for others.—Rev. A. Austin, pastor.

## GRASSANO

Brother Benedetto Grassano passed on to his reward May 21, 1947, at the age of forty-eight years. He was a faithful member of the Church of God at Brooklyn, N. Y. He leaves his wife and five children.—Rev. Wm. Schneidmuller, pastor.

## HIRST

Oscar Hirst was born June 11, 1869, and died March 1, 1946, at the home of George Hirst, Eldorado, Illinois. The funeral was conducted in the Baptist church in Eldorado, by Rev. W. J. Milligan.

## BROWN

Mary Frances Brown was born July 29, 1878, and died December 23, 1946. She died at the home of her daughter, Essie Banks, Harrisburg, Ill., at the age of sixty-eight years four months and twenty-four days. She was a charter member of the Church of God at Honeycomb. The funeral service was held at the Bethel Baptist Church. Rev. W. J. Milligan officiated.

## FORD

Philip Calvin Ford was born November 9, 1918, at Eldorado, Ill., and departed this life April 16, 1947, at the age of twenty-eight years five months and seven days. He was the son of the late Rev. Tony Ford. Funeral service was held at the Church of God at Lawrenceville, Ill. Rev. W. J. Milligan, the pastor, officiated. He was assisted by Rev. Curtis Hughes.

## GILLUM

Otto W. Gillum was born March 11, 1893, and died May 8, 1947, at the age of fifty-four years one month and twenty-eight days. He was a member of the Church of God at Lawrenceville, Ill. Rev. W. J. Milligan, pastor at Lawrenceville, officiated, assisted by Rev. Curtis Hughes.

## BURRELL

Martha Jane Montgomery Burrell was born December 19, 1868, and died May 30, 1947, at the age of seventy-eight years five months and eleven days. She was a charter member of the Church of God at Lawrenceville, Ill., and was faithful until death. The funeral service was held at the Church of God in Lawrenceville. Rev. W. J. Milligan, pastor, officiated, assisted by Reverend Patton.

## SMITH

Sister Eunice Smith went to be with Jesus on May 7, 1947, at the age of sixty-four years. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Monroe, La., for thirteen years. She is missed at church as she was faithful in attending all services. Her funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Horace Taylor. — Mrs. R. D. Anderson.

## HICKS

Henry Arthur Hicks went to meet his reward May 21, 1947, at the age of thirty-five years. He was a member of the Church of God at Tennille, Ga., and a great church worker, always at his post of duty to help carry on the gospel programs. His cheery testimonies, songs and prayers are sweet memories to all of us. He was a kind husband and father. He leaves a heartbroken wife and two sons. The funeral service was conducted by Reverend Marchant and the body placed in the Hall Cemetery to await the first resurrection. — Jefferson Brantley.

## REVIVALS

### 196 Received the Baptism; 100 Added to the Church

The Alton Park Church of God has just closed the greatest revival in the history of the church, with Rev. Al Edenfield and James Cooper in charge.

The power of God was certainly manifested in a mighty way in each service. Every night the altar was full of people seeking the Lord. The power would fall and people were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost in their seats before the altar call would be made. Brother Edenfield did some wonderful preaching and everyone enjoyed their singing very much. Brother Cooper was a wonderful help in the revival with his fine spirit and good musical talent.

This revival went on for eight weeks and there was as much interest shown the last night as there was in the beginning of the revival. The altar was full the last night and people standing; 196 received the Holy Ghost, 100 were added to the church and 69 baptized in water.

The results of this great revival are being felt in every service.—Rev. John D. Smith, pastor, Alton Park Church of God, Chattanooga, Tenn.

PINEOLA, N. C.—We have just closed a wonderful revival in which there were twenty-three saved, twenty-two sanctified, eighteen filled with the Holy Spirit, twenty-eight added to the church, thirteen baptized in water, and ten more to be baptized later. The evangelist was Rev. Frank Bradshaw, Box 563, Erwin, N. C.

## EVANGEL DRIVE

Through July 31 we will accept yearly subscriptions to the Church of God Evangel at the price of \$1.00 for each subscription. Provided this drive will increase the circulation of the Evangel as much as 15,000, we shall allow the price to remain at \$1.00 after July 31. The cost of paper since 1942 has increased more than 75 per cent, labor and other production costs more than 70 per cent. Only a substantially increased circulation to the Evangel can possibly offset these increases to where it will be possible to continue to offer the Evangel at a price of \$1.00 per year. The possibilities are yours to determine the future price of the Evangel by the results of this drive.

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## THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION IN THE CHURCH OF GOD

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the lives of men and women. It cannot be. But neither is the Holy Spirit a substitute for education and training. God did not intend that it should be. Education and spirituality are not opposed one to the other. Instead, they are great workers together for the common good of man and the promotion of the cause of Christ in the world. The great religious leaders of the ages, like Paul, Augustine, Savonarola, Luther, Wesley, and Whitefield possessed an abundance of both. God needs men today who tower above the pygmies of this world in intellectual power and development, and whose souls are flaming dynamos of His grace and Spirit. Too often the trouble has been that those who know Christ do not know education, and those who know education do not know Christ. A dying world needs thousands of men and women who know both.

The future of education in our church is immense. I believe in its great spiritual values and potentialities. I believe in its necessity. I consider it indispensable to our future growth and progress. I am firmly convinced of the wisdom of the great and progressive steps made by the Church to promote education. With hundreds of other young men and women in our movement, I lay my life willingly upon the altar of service to this noble cause.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

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the royal family were sitting in the parlor and as they saw him they rose to greet him with sweet smiles of delight and he was given a chair beside the king. I forgot to say that when the guards received orders from the king to admit the missionary, they warned him beforehand that his interview with the king should not be more than *five minutes*, otherwise he would be in danger, and so the poor man was counting his seconds. When the king and the queen started to talk to him and ask him interesting questions, he was answering hurriedly and with his eyes on his watch. The king being bewildered because of his action, was obliged to ask him why he was in a hurry, and certainly he had to tell him what the royal guards had said to him. At that moment the king was very vexed with

the guards, and had to address his guest politely: "Should I want you to stay with us for the whole day, and remain for dinner, too, who can prevent it? for I am the king." The missionary was overjoyed with such an honor and politely thanked the king and the royal family and remained with them that day and dined with the king.

Now the guards were all the time expecting the guest to come back but, alas, their expectation was in vain, and when they knew that the said missionary was to dine with the king, they were jealous and even regretted they had to let the man go in. The king was greatly interested in the missionary and his work and rendered him every assistance he needed all the rest of his life. I met that old missionary, who really had served the Lord amidst hard circumstances. Now he has gone to live with His Lord. Praise God!

It happened that after I finished my sermon and the story, and was leaving the pulpit to shake hands with the people, the mistress could not stand the message but simply waved her hand and left the church. The other people were very pleased and interested. I had to say that if the earthly king was very angry with his guards because they limited the time for the king, how much more will it be with the King of kings when we try to limit for Him the time we come in His presence. Since He calls us to come before Him, we should place our time in His hand,

for He knows what is best for us.

Dear reader, we should accustom ourselves to a full time when we give the Word to others and when we pray, for the more time we give either for or before the Lord it will be like the farmer who digs deep in the soil to make it more fertile and fruitful. We should redeem the time for God and not waste it on the things of this world, for the more time we give to God, whether it be in words or in actions, He will surely reward us accordingly. Let us, therefore, learn to devote more of our time in telling others what the Lord can do for them, especially the time we come for prayers; we should not rise until we receive the answer, as did the saints of old.

I pray that God will help you and me to see our failure in this respect, and to amend same through His power and guidance. Please pray for me and may God be praised forever. —I remain, by His grace, your brother in Christ, Hanna K. Suleiman, 15 Shibr's Building, 3rd Floor, Musrara Quarter, Jerusalem, Palestine.

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## TOBACCO POISONS

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sociation, declares the cigaret contains a poison, furfural, fifty times as deadly as alcohol, and says that one cigaret contains as much of this deadly furfural as two ounces of whiskey."

Thomas A. Edison discovered acrolein, a poison found only in cigarets, caused by the burning paper.

The question is: Why smoke your life away?

## THE COMING OF THE LORD

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we will go—high above the sun and moon, above the highest star, and yet farther into the highest heaven, into the city of God, of gold, of glory, of love, of life, of happiness. Yet we are more glorious, with our bodies changed, glorified, old age gone, with no sickness, no pain, but glorified like Jesus. There will be no T.B., no cancer, no nothing but glory, for about this time the crystal sea will be in sight, the Milky Way now far beneath our feet. Oh look, the streets are all gold, the city, too. The trees are all glorious and in the midst of all this glory there is Jesus, blessed Jesus, our Brother, Friend, Saviour, King. Victor over all this is the

### BLESSED HOPE

Titus 2:13

This word "hope" means expectation; to cherish a good desire. The word "blessed" means to set apart something or someone for a holy event. The people who love God with all their hearts are earmarked, set aside from the world for this *sure, glorious, blessed event*, the rapture, the coming of the Lord. These God-loving people are God-set apart from the world for this very event. This is the Blessed Hope. Just this past Saturday, while attending a young people's meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, some three thousand five hundred present in one of the city's biggest theaters, one of the features was this, a direct telephone conversation from Holland to the stage of the theater. The preacher on the Holland end said unless something is done soon for the peoples of Europe to win them to God they are doomed. Yes, headed for worse than nazism or fascism, even worse than communism, it will be antichristianism. But for the people of God there is hope, blessed hope. Jesus' coming is the only hope out of all the world's chaos and trouble. It is *sure*, it is *glorious*, and is the

*blessed hope*. What are you looking for? a better world down here where cheat and fraud, murder and hell hold sway? No, this world will not turn into a heaven. The worst is surely coming for the wicked; the best is coming for the true child of God. That is the coming of Jesus to take out of this world a people for Himself that where He is, there they shall be also. Honestly, do you now want to stay here and face the worst, or do you want to go be with the Lord Jesus when He comes for His own? Then do something about it. Get **READY**.

## STATE CONVENTIONS, 1947

Missouri, July 7-12, Leadwood.

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Arkansas, July 12-20.

Maine, July 18-27.

Central Canada, July 20-27.

Indiana, July 22-24.

Maryland, July 25-August 3, Campground.

Tennessee, July 26, 27, Cleveland.

Pennsylvania, July 31-August 10, Somerset.

Colorado, August 1-3, Colorado Springs.

Kentucky, August 1-8.

Oregon, August 1-3, Portland.

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